

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:

LI *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/266,935

Filed: March 12, 1999

For: **Compositions and Methods for
Enhanced Synthesis of Nucleic Acid
Molecules**



Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Riley, J.

Atty Docket: 0942.4560001/RWE/BJD

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 7, 1999 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 5), the period for replying to which having been extended three months from January 7, 2000, to April 7, 2000, by the petition and fee payment filed herewith, Applicants submit the following remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows: